THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) The cost of providing Family Planning services for prevention of one birth is very low in comparison to the total cost involved in providing services and facilities for bringing up and supporting an individual person and this would be the position in future also.

(b) Different contraceptive devices/ methods are offered under the Family Welfare Programme for adoption by the individual acceptors best suited to their choice. These are made available either free of charge or on subsidised cost under social marketing schemes. Continuous efforts are on to evolve more acceptable, effective and low cost methods of contraception. As Maternal and Child Health Care is an integral part of the Family Welfare Programme and closely related to family planning, immunisation coverage and other important Maternal and Child Health Care interventions are provided to the people free of cost.

(c) and (d). Involvement of non-allopathic doctors is one of the elements of the Action Plan formulated recently by the Government to impart a new thrust and dynamism to the Family Welfare Programme. This Action Plan is now being operationalised through the State Governments and UTs Administrations.

[*Translation*]

Research Projects in Social Sciences

4511. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR:
SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission provides financial assistance for the small research projects in social sciences every years;

(b) if so, the details of the eligibility conditions prescribed for these projects and the process and norms adopted to select the applicants for this purpose; and

(c) the details of such projects approved in February 1992?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c). According to the information furnished by UGC, the Commission provides financial assistance under the Minor Research Projects Programme in Humanities and Social Sciences to University and College Teachers to enable them to undertake a short-term research projects or investigation for a doctoral degree. Permanent teachers of eligible Colleges are required to submit their proposals to the Commission which are considered by its Expert Committees. For University Teachers such projects are approved by the Universities themselves. The Commission has informed that for college teachers, 78 minor research projects in the field of social sciences were last approved in September, 1991

Hindi Advisory Committee

5412. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR:
SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the panel for Hindi Advisory Committee has been reconstituted recently;

(b) if so, the composition and scope of this panel; and

(c) whether the panel has been advised to take up some new work in connection with

Hindi language which was not assigned to it earlier?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Hindi Salahkar Samiti advises on the progressive increase in the use of Hindi for official purposes and another allied matters. No new item of work has been added to its charter of responsibilities.

[*English*]

Sanskrit University

5413. SHRI SHANKERSINH VEGHELA:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state·

(a) whether the Government propose to establish a Sanskrit University at Sringeri;

(b) if so, the progress made so far in this regard; and

(c) when the project is likely to be accomplished?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Government had decided to initiate institutional structures which would evolve into a Sanskrit University over a period of time.

(b) A Kendriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha has been set up at Sringeri by the Rashtriya Sansthan. The Vidyapeeth is named after the former Prime Minister late Shri Rajiv Gandhiji.

(c) No time schedule has been fixed in this behalf.

[*Translation*]

Samastipur-Darbhanga Railway Line

5414. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of RAIWLAYS be pleased to refer to the reply given to the Unstarred Question No. 79 on February, 25, 1992 and state:

(a) the funds allocated for conversion of Samastipur-Darbhanga railway line during last three years, year-wise;

(b) the details of works executed with this amount; and

(c) the works to be undertaken on this project during 1992-93?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c). Due to constraint of resources, allocation for the work of conversion of Samastipur-Darbhanga M.G. into B.G. for the last three years was meagre with which no tangible progress could be made. In 1992-93 Budget Rs. 10 lakhs has been allocated to this work. It has been decided to restart this work and preliminary arrangements will be taken up in 92-93. However, keeping in view the need to cause minimum dislocation to train services and to reduce inconvenience to the travelling public, it will be possible to actually take up conversion of this M.G. section only after Muzaffarpur-Raxaul has been converted to B.G. which has been included in the Budget for 92-93.

[*English*]

Steam/Diesel Locomotives on Electrified Routes

5415. SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: